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REAL FARM RELIEF FOR THE COAST COUNTRY THROUGH THE PLANTING OF THE CHINESE TUNG OIL NUT TREES

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The Chinese tung oil nut tree is a native of China and Japan. It has been cultivated in the Orient for thousands of years. The tree grows to a height of 30 to 40 feet and has a trunk diameter of 10 to 15 inches.

The tree bears fruit in summer and autumn, and the nuts are collected at that time. The nuts are dried and then ground into a fine powder.

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Extract from letter from W. T. Warren, President of Citronelle, as follows:

A recent survey made of the cost of growing tung oil nuts on a per acre basis in a plantation. The following factors, allowing for a 10% loss in production, results are as follows:

Fifth year, \$99.35 per acre seed, \$0.00 per acre, \$254.22 per acre. This after deducting fertilizer and care, milage, labor, etc., and long distance investments, etc.

"These figures have been submitted and quoted by some of the best informed men in the industry."

It is believed by planter or planter, to profit from this industry, it will necessitate planting of such size as will provide the erection of a sawmill, 6000 feet long. This will require a minimum of 1,000 acres. If less than 1,000 acres, the first yield of 100,000 lbs. of oil may be 10,000 lbs. This is the maximum size of trees available.

Prominent business men of all industries are working through associations of the industry to be engaged in efforts to secure the erection of a sawmill and log their logs on to the market and into production to justify the same. See their statements below.

"We, the undersigned, members of the South Alabama Business Association, inform you of the fact that the Government and State 100,000 lbs. required for the oil industry cannot be believed to be more than sufficient acreage planted that we will be enabled to manufacture oil forever."

"In fact, we further advise you to plant your land in such manner as to insure a pledge of effort toward securing a reliable and continuous supply of oil for the use of the oil industry.

S. C. McAllister, Jr.

A. B. Johnson,

W. T. Warren,

J. P. Williams,

Tung trees may be planted approximately 10 to 12 feet apart in rows 20 feet apart. Some growers recommend planting 30 to 32 feet apart in rows 20 feet apart, when they begin to bear. On account of the trees coming into bearing 6 to 8 years after sowing, security against cold and frosts this plan would be desirable.

There are several varieties of the Tung tree, Chinese, Almond, Indian and American. The latter is the only one to stand the cold and the only one to bear fruit commercially. The Indian also has two strains - the shell type and the cluster type. The cluster type is the most popular and therefore more desirable. Planters should be sure to secure the right variety and the right type.

In the nursery row at the Citronelle Nursery & Orchard Company, there are 370 bearing trees of the Fordi variety and of the cluster type. These trees are two years old, bearing on from 90 to the second year's growth from seed. Clusters from 8 to 14 nuts are common and one cluster of 20 is found. As many as 250 pods have been counted on one tree in this nursery row.

The Citronelle Nursery & Orchard Company will have 100,000 trees ready for sale and to be delivered very soon after December 1st, 1930, 100,000 trees grown from the cluster variety seed, at prices that will enable every man with 1/4 acre of land to plant 1000 trees.

For orders booked for delivery as per above, and in 90 days to further notice, we will quote the following prices per tree of one season's growth running from two feet to 10 feet, delivered ready for delivery at the Nursery Row, 10 to 99, 15c. each; 100 to 499, 12c. each; 500 to 999, 10c. each; and 1,000 and over, 8c. each.

The importance of establishing this industry is such that your order should be placed at once, and every planter should urge his neighbor to plant, thus insuring an oil producing industry which will put the South land on its feet as nothing else in agriculture or horticulture has done. Write us, or better still, come and see us, ask for further information, place your order at once and increase it before planting yourself.

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